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(d) Responding to information requests from professionals, parents, and members of the public.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1422) [56 FR 51586, Oct. 11, 1991]

§§ 307.16—307.19 [Reserved]

Subpart C—How Does One Apply for a Grant?

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Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

§ 307.30 What priorities are considered for support by the Secretary?

- (a) The Secretary may select as annual priorities one or more of the types of projects listed in § 307.10.
- (b) The Secretary advises the public of these priorities through an application notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§307.31 How does the Secretary determine the amount of an award under §307.11?

In determining the funding level for each award under §307.11 for a single or multi-State project for children with deaf-blindness, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(a) The number of children in the States the applicant proposes to serve.

- (b) The number of children with deafblindness in the State benefiting from services under §307.11(a) (1) and (2) in relation to the total number of such children in all States.
- (c) The relative cost of providing services authorized under this part to children with deaf-blindness in the States the applicant proposes to serve.
- (d) The quality of the application submitted under this part evaluated on the basis of the criteria in §307.33.

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§307.32 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application submitted under §307.11 on the

basis of the criteria in §307.33. If more than one eligible application is received on behalf of any State for an award under §307.11, the Secretary uses the procedures established in §307.34. The Secretary uses the selection criteria in §307.35 or 307.36 to evaluate applications submitted for other types of activities authorized under this part.

(b) The Secretary awards up to 100 points for these criteria.

(c) The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

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§307.33 What criteria does the Secretary use to evaluate a State or multi-State application under §307.11?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate the quality of an application submitted under §307.11. Each applicant may receive up to a total of 100 points. Each application will be evaluated based only on those factors of each criterion that relate to the service needs of the States the applicant proposes to serve.

(a) Justification for the project, extent of need, and expected impact. (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the justification for the proposed activities in each State, based on the extent of State need for and expected impact from the provision of services and technical assistance, including consideration of—

(1) The age, number, and location of children with deaf-blindness in the State to whom the State is not obligated to provide a free appropriate public education under part B of the IDEA, to whom the State is not providing special educational and related services under some other authority, and to whom the applicant proposes to provide services;

(2) The specific actions needed for the provision of early intervention, educational, and related services to children with deaf-blindness based on the State's plan for delivery of services to students with handicaps required under parts B and H of the IDEA;

(3) The specific actions needed for the provision of technical assistance addressed by the project based on the